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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steven E. Lenda and Donald P. Marriott
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Title: AIR PERMEABLE, WATER REPELLENT,
ACOUSTIC DOOR SHIELD

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP §708.2 VIII

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Applicants, Steven E. Lenda and Donald P. Marriott, by their attorney, petitions the Commissioner to grant special status to the above-identified application under the procedure set forth in MPEP 708.2 VIII. the Applicants state:

1. The fee for this petition is attached hereto.
2. The claims in this application are directed to a door weather shield and method of making the same. If the Patent Office determines that all claims presented are not directed to a single invention, Applicants will make an election without traverse upon notification by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
3. A pre-examination search for prior art pertinent to the subject matter of this application was made by William M. Hanlon, Jr., Patent Office Registration Number 28422, the attorney of record in the above-identified application. The search was conducted in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and in the Patent office Internet database, on or about April 9, 2003. The field of search covered Class 296, Subclasses 39.1, 39.3, 146.1, 146.5, and 146.7 and Class 442, Subclasses 2, 35, 36, 49, 50, 57, 400, 401, and 414. The resulting patents were thoroughly reviewed by Applicants' attorney, and disclosed to the United States

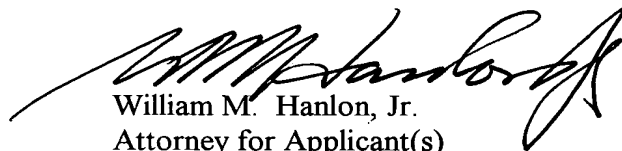
Patent and Trademark Office in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently with this application.

4. For the reasons set forth in the "Detailed Discussion of the References", it is submitted that Applicants' invention patentably defines over each reference, taken singly or in any permissible combination.

Since all of the requirements to make an application special under the provisions of MPEP 7-8.2 VIII have been met, special examining status is respectfully requested for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. M. Hanlon, Jr.', is written over the typed name.

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